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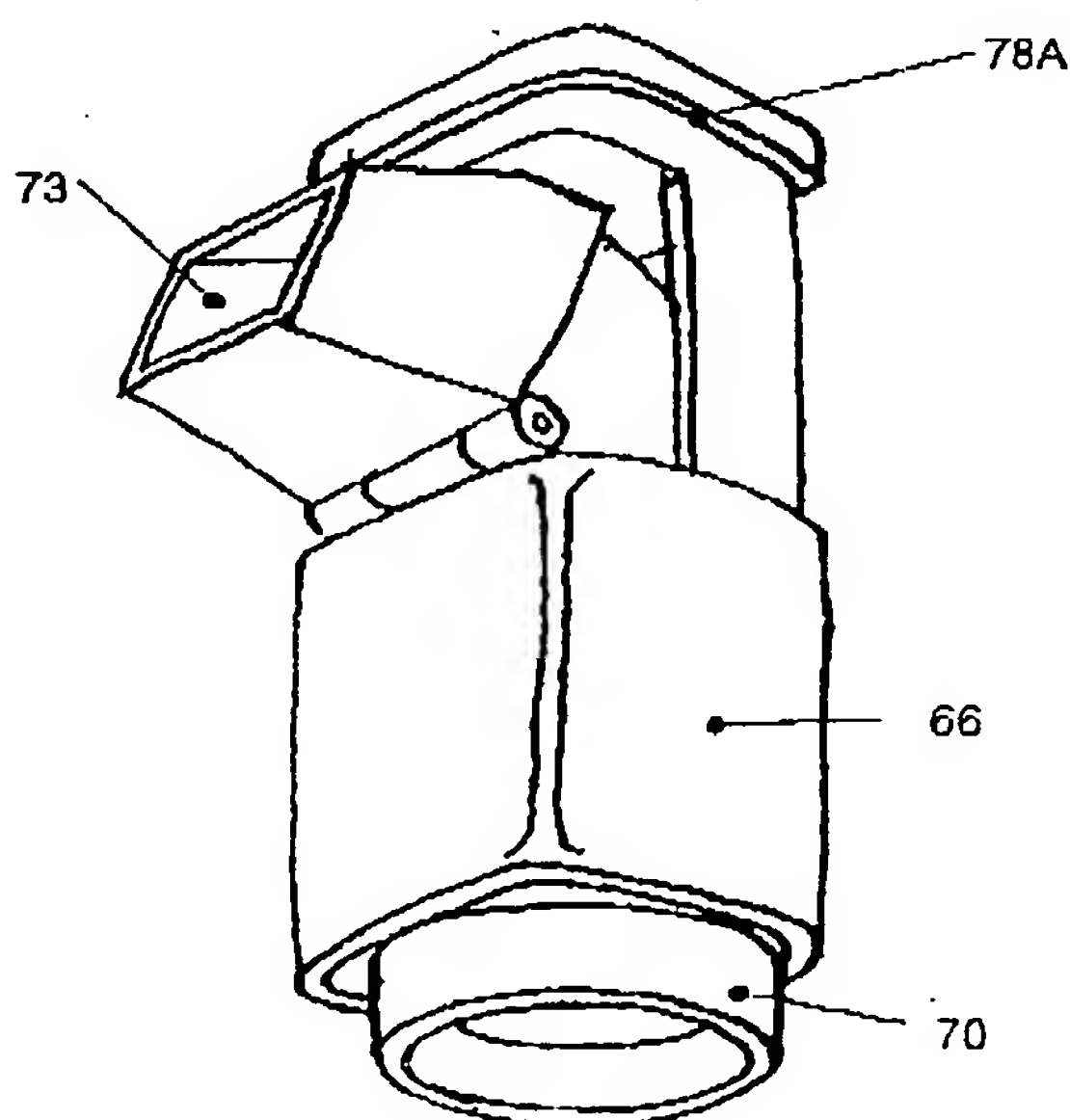
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(57) Abstract: A medication holder is disclosed comprising a hous-
ing (10) having an outer wall (12) and an inner wall (11) preferably in
sleeved relationship to each other. The outer wall may be moved be-
tween a closed position in which the housing (10) is sealed for ingress
of moisture or other contaminants and an open position providing ac-
cess to the medication container discharge outlet. The second wall may
(12) be slid longitudinally or rotated circumferentially to access the
cavity and may, in the process, open an air pathway through the cav-
ity. The medication container is preferably a pressurised canister (22).
Alternatively, it may comprise a frangible vial (603) with a volatile liq-
uid. In the latter case, an evaporation grid (563) may also be supplied to
enhance absorption of the liquid which is preferably methoxyfluorane.
Opening means (561) may be provided to open the frangible vial and
discharge the contents onto the evaporation means (563) which is in
fluid contact with the air pathway (806). A medication chute (26) may
be rotatable between stowed and deployed positions. The chute (26)
may include an auxiliary air inlet (556). The medication holder may
also include one-way valves (605) to channel inspiratory air through
the chamber and direct expiratory air elsewhere. The expiratory air
may pass through unidirectional valve (810) and also through an ab-
sorbent filter (805) to minimise environmental contamination.

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